

NEWS AND NOTES

PERSONAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

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Professor Frederick L. Schuman, who spent the summer and autumn in Germany, has resumed his work at the University of Chicago.

Professor Harvey Walker has been advanced to a full professorship at Ohio State University.

Dr. A. C. Millspaugh, of the Institute for Government Research of the Brookings Institution, is engaged upon a study of the organization of public welfare administration in the United States.

During the first half of the academic year, Dr. Raymond L. Buell, of the Foreign Policy Association, conducted a seminar at Harvard University on the nature of war and military systems.

Congressman Charles West, formerly in charge of the work in political science at Denison University, has given up his academic connection because of pressure of official duties. Dr. Albert A. Roden, formerly instructor at Princeton, has been appointed assistant professor and will take over the government courses in the new department of history and government.

Dr. Paul T. Stafford, instructor in politics at Princeton University, has completed a dissertation on *State Welfare Administration in New Jersey*. The study presents a very full account of the organization and conduct of public welfare activities under the control of the state and embraces comparisons with welfare systems in other states. It is to be published shortly by the department of institutions and agencies of the state of New Jersey.

Dr. K. R. B. Flint, professor of political science and director of the bureau of municipal affairs at Norwich University, is chairman of the Vermont state chamber of commerce committee on local finance and town reports. The chamber is waging a vigorous campaign for better municipal reports and a stabilizing of municipal expenditures. This is one of several instances in which the Norwich bureau has coöperated with the chamber in attempting to improve the standards of local government in Vermont.

Under the auspices of the U. S. Census Bureau, Dr. Lent D. Upson, director of the Detroit Bureau of Governmental Research, will conduct a federal survey of tax delinquency in 309 cities in the United states with a population of over 30,000 each.

Mr. Robert W. McCulloch, graduate student at the University of Michigan, is collecting material in Great Britain, France, and Germany on the

subject of his doctoral dissertation, i.e., questions and interpellations in parliamentary bodies.

Professor Marshall E. Dimock, of the University of Chicago, will leave early in January for a quarter's research on administrative problems growing out of business functions in the Panama Canal Zone. The invitation was extended by Secretary of War Dern, and the project will be supported as one of the University's studies in the relation between public administration and industry.

An arrangement has been effected under which the National Municipal League offers the services of Professor Thomas H. Reed, of the University of Michigan, as financial consultant in critical financial situations. The plan is similar to that under which Professor A. R. Hatton long acted for the League as a charter consultant.

A western conference on government, in which a number of national organizations will cooperate, is planned for March or April at the University of California.

A National Association of Housing Officials was organized recently and established in Chicago in connection with other governmental organizations. The acting director of the Association is Mr. Charles S. Ascher, lecturer in political science at the University of Chicago.

Professor Walther Schuecking, director of the Institute for International Law at the University of Keil, German member of the World Court, and former member of the Reichstag, was summarily dismissed at the end of November on the ground that his previous political activity did not "guarantee his whole-hearted enthusiasm for the National Socialist State."

Following the resignation of Mr. James G. McDonald in November to accept a League of Nations appointment as high commissioner for German refugees, the staff of the Foreign Policy Association was reorganized. Dr. Raymond L. Buell, research director since 1927, became president; Mr. William T. Stone, Washington representative of the organization, vice-president; and Professor Joseph P. Chamberlain of Columbia University, chairman of the board of directors, with Mr. McDonald as honorary chairman.

Under the auspices of the Committee on Policy of the American Political Science Association, a conference on problems of taxation in relation to municipalities was held at Bowdoin College on December 1-2. Topics discussed included the taxpayers' revolt and the crisis in municipal finances in New England cities and towns, the system of taxation in

Maine, broadening the tax base, the Connecticut plan of equalizing taxes for state purposes, and the crisis in education growing out of the tax situation.

Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Sixteen years ago, the fourteenth annual meeting of the Association was held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia. The country was at war with Germany, and the program of the meeting was studded with titles of papers and discussions called out by the tense international situation. On December 27-29, 1933, the Association's twenty-ninth meeting was held in the same hotel in the same city, and the program abounded in titles of papers and discussions called out by another war in which the country was engaged—a war this time upon economic depression, and one for which the nation had lately been mobilized almost as dramatically as in 1917. On the former occasion, 125 members registered at the meeting; on the latter, 360, comparing with 200 at Detroit in 1932, 353 in Washington in 1931, and 317 at Cleveland in 1930. Following practice of recent years, nearly all of the sessions took the form of round-table or section meetings, which were generally well attended.

The program in full was as follows:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, AT 10 O'CLOCK

1. Government and Education.

Chairman: Ben A. Arneson, Ohio Wesleyan University.

(1) "The Goal of Civic Education in the United States," C. E. Merriam, University of Chicago; (2) "The Development of Civic Education," George F. Zook, United States Commissioner of Education.

Discussion leaders: George S. Counts, Columbia University; Earl W. Crecraft, Municipal University of Akron.

2. International Relations.

Chairman: Clyde Eagleton, New York University.

General Topic: "METHODS OF INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATION."

(1) "Problems of International Legislation," Valentine Jobst, III, University of Illinois; (2) "Methods of the International Labor Organization," Francis Wilson, University of Washington.

Discussion leaders: J. I. Knudson, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute; Phillips Bradley, Amherst College.

3. Local Government.

Chairman: Wylie Kilpatrick, Public Works Administration.

General Topic: "ADAPTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO THE STRAINS OF THE DEPRESSION PERIOD."

"Flaws of the Fiscal Structure Revealed by the Impact of the Depression," Joseph McGoldrick, Columbia University; William C.